

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church



*Proclaiming Christ as a church of prayer, outreach,
Bible study, discipling, and worship*

Sunday Morning Worship | 10:30 AM

12120 Bridgeton Square Dr.
Bridgeton, MO, 63044
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*The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy*



Sunday, November 12th, 2023 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 | Psalm 78:1-7 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:1-13

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: Together, we choose to serve God, which means:

People: We choose love. We choose hope.

Liturgist: We choose peace. We choose kindness.

People: We choose welcome. We choose justice.

Liturgist: We choose to serve God.

ALL: Let us worship.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Draw Me Close”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

O God, your blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of evil
and make us children of God ad heirs of eternal life.
Grant that, having hope,
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again in power and great glory,
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM
"Who Am I?"

JCPC Adult Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Our God is a God of Glorious deeds, of wondrous works.
Our hope is in God. But we do not always God's Commandments.
Let us confess our sins before our merciful and might God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**It is never easy to admit how foolish we are, Approaching God.
You have chosen us for yourself,
and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts.
You promise to be with us in every moment,
but we can find little time for you.
You send your Word to us,
but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture to pay
attention.**

**Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us.
Speak to us, so we might listen,
and in hearing be transformed into your people.
Fill us with holiness,
so we might give ourselves wholly to others.
Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely,
even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

This is our assurance: God forgives us.
This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.
This is our truth: God is with us always.

**We will speak the truth;
we will live the hope;
we will share God's mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#272: "Thy Word"

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:18-24 (NIV)

Liturgist

The Day of the LORD

¹⁸ Woe to you who long
for the day of the LORD!
Why do you long for the day of the LORD?
That day will be darkness, not light.
¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
²⁰ Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
²¹ "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
²³ Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. **4** The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

SERMON

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“The ‘Kin-Dom’ of Heaven”

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever
Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

Let us offer what gifts we have back to the one who provides all things,
so that in our ministry and work in the world,
we can prove ready when the bridegroom returns.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made near the sanctuary entrance prior to worship or at the communion table following worship.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our times, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love;
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING SONG

“I Give You My Heart”

Praise Team

BLESSING

Now may the Lord of peace
give you peace at all times
and in all ways.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with all of you.
Amen.

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CHARGE

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Mary Smith

Bob Messersmith
Kinquist Family
Heather Wolz
Virginia Messersmith

Carol Mallette
Sandra Barclay
Randy Clark
Kelley Maerz

Members in a Care Facility

Arlene Walters

Friends of Our JCPC Family

Junia Thompson and Family- Missionaries in Indonesia
Denise Kinquist- S. Kinquist sister
Mark Kesner, K. Doty's cousin
Melanie Williams-Harvey, R. Kinquist sister
Charles Barnes, S. Tyler's son-in-law
Amelia Sanchez, S. Tyler's great granddaughter
Kelly Koch, H. Wolz' uncle
Marie Gross, C. Lay's stepmother
Lola- H. Wolz niece
Rob Hanson- Barb Hanson's son
Chad Grellner- friend of Ken and Mary Myers
Rick Kraft- Mark Miller friend
Jerry Hahn- V. Messersmith brother -in-law
Steve- Van Buren friend

Debbie Richie-Raymer- Cindy Lay friend
Aaron and spouse- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz
Rosalie Calvin- D. Calvin's mother
Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo
Melissa- Friend of H. Wolz
McGee Family- Messersmith neighbors
Chris Hanson- Barb Hanson son
Lucido family- Van Buren friends
Sarah Dilallo- Kara Myers ' friend
Those dealing with mental health issues
Prokhodov Family
Charlie Mills
Shelly Hynes- Amy Brixey friend
Jessica White's family
Tonya Collen- J. Farley sister in-law
Mark- Jackie Farley cousin

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kara Myers

Upcoming Events

Annual Dessert Auction

Sunday, December 3rd | 11:30 AM

Join us after worship on Sunday, December 3rd as we host our annual dessert auction! If you are interested in signing up to bring a dessert, there is a sign up sheet in the welcome area to indicate what dessert(s) you'd like to donate.

Faith Formation

Women's Movie Discussion Group

Sunday Mornings | 9 AM

Join our Sunday morning women's movie discussion group as they watch and discuss the films and the various ways they connect to our faith and theology. Join us at 9 AM for a time of fellowship before we begin viewing.

Mission

Community Helping Ministry



CHM NEEDS:

Financial Contributions

Canned Meat

Cereal

Canned Fruit

Jelly

Financial contributions can be made via CHM mailbox in church office and food contributions can be made in the **welcome area.**

Are you or your family in need of food or any other kind of assistance?

Please contact Liza Browning at (314) 770-2216 or email communityhelpingministry@yahoo.com.

Worship at Life Care Center

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping lead worship at the Bridgeton Life Care center. Services are held each month as a ministry to those who call the Life Care Center home. We are looking for a variety of help, please reach out to Amy Brixey (bisskut27@gmail.com) for more information.



Ukrainian Refugee Support
2023-2024 Mission Campaign

**Supporting the Prokhodov Family in
their move from war-torn Ukraine
to St. Louis, MO.**

For more information on our 2023-2024
Mission campaign, visit
JCPChurch.org/mission.

To donate to this cause via PayPal, use the
QR code below!



**Please submit announcements and
information for weekly bulletin and website to
Matt Miller (office@jcpchurch.org) no later
than by the Tuesday of the desired week.**

Get Involved this week!

Sunday

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group
10:30 AM | Worship

Thursday

6:00 PM | Adult Choir

November Birthdays

Rick Kreitner	11/01
Connie Vogler	11/02
Richard Vogler	11/02
Leslie Hubbs	11/03
Pat Myers	11/04
Kathy Altgibers	11/07
Liam Hardy	11/07
Halleh Peterman	11/10
Carol Dill	11/12
Megan Miller	11/14
Bud Cooley	11/23
Kaelin Messersmith	11/30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting		8:45 am Presbytery Gathering
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	5:00 pm AA Potluck (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11:30 am GOLDtimers Thanksgiving Meal	
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Welcome to John Calvin Presbyterian Church

We are so glad you are here!

- ✦ Please feel free to stop by our welcome area and get a nametag if you do not already have one.
- ✦ Our worship and communion services are open to all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time with us more welcoming and comfortable.
- ✦ Please see any of our greeters or ushers if you have any accessibility needs/requests.
- ✦ **Restrooms** are located across the hall from the sanctuary entrance as well as in the fellowship area. Please see an usher if you need directions.
- ✦ Please feel free to join us for fellowship time following worship!

For more information on John Calvin Presbyterian Church, please visit JCPCChurch.org!

Do you have a passion to serve?

We are always in need of members and volunteers to help serve in various ways at John Calvin Presbyterian Church! If you feel called to serve, please contact the church office, or see any of the worship stewards, and we will be happy to connect you with the appropriate team!

**“There is one body, but many parts. But all parts make up one body.
So it is with Christ.”**

-1 Corinthians 12:12-

Thank you for your consideration!